(a) whether Government are aware that many a times recognised private hospitals for CGHS beneficiaries are not adhering to the norms specified by Government and harassing the CGHS beneficiaries going there;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to punish the defaulting recognised private hospitals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The CGHS recognised private hospitals/diagnostic centres which were found violating the provisions contained in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by them with the Director, CGHS, have been issued show cause notices pointing out the irregularities found in their hospitals. Referral of CGHS beneficiaries for taking treatment in some of the CGHS recognised private hospitals/diagnostic centres has also been stopped due to the irregularities found in the hospitals.

Scarcity of medicines in CGHS dispensaries

535. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the immense difficulties being faced by CGHS beneficiaries as many a times medicines are not available in the dispensaries;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make these medicines available; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Adequate quantity of medicines is available in CGHS dispensaries. However, any drug prescribed by the specialists and not available in the dispensary is made available to the beneficiary from the authorised local chemist on the basis of individual prescription. In the case of CGHS dispensaries which do not have any authorised local chemist attached to them the CGHS beneficiaries (including pensioner beneficiaries) are permitted to purchase the medicines from the open market for which reimbursement is made by the Government.